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The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

The following is in response to the Official Communication mailed March 31, 2003.

REMARKS AND ELECTION

Claims 1-45 are currently pending in the application. In the office action mailed March 31, 2003, the examiner alleges that there are three distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 22-27, drawn to a process of forming a solution, classified in class 252, subclass 175+;
- II. Claims 11-20 and 28-37, drawn to a method of coating, classified in class 427, subclass 126.3; and
- III. Claims 21 and 38-45, drawn to a product, classified in class 429, subclass 40+.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the examiner has required applicants to elect a single invention for examination.